

The Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street, SW  
Washington, DC 20554

Dear The Federal Communications Commission,

Congratulations on your appointment to Chair the FCC. In your new leadership role, I urge you to support the "Fair Share Plan" as a solution to current concerns with the Universal Service Fund (USF). The Fair Share Plan will keep the USF fair, ensuring that consumers like me do not pay the same rate into the USF as big businesses, regardless of how little I may use long distance.

Enough, is enough. The extra charges and taxes on our telephone almost equal the cost of basic service. We are retired, on a fixed income and make one or two long distance calls a year because we can't afford to call our family in New York. Please don't take our long distance away from us.

Under the flat fee or numbers-based plan you are considering, people like me who make few long distance calls would pay the same as people or businesses that make many calls. I believe it would be unfair to charge low-volume and residential customers the same fees as high-volume residential or business customers.

If you must have a USF, keep it fair. Thank you, and best of luck in your new position.

cc: Marlene Dortch, Secretary

Sincerely,

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